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TEXAS MAN CHARGED AFTER ENTICING MOTHER, DAUGHTERS FOR SEX

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Texas man was charged in federal court today with enticing a minor over the Internet for illicit sex.

John T. Spurlock, 48, of Tyler, Texas, was charged in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City this morning. **Spurlock** was arrested by federal law enforcement officers at a Kansas City motel on Feb. 5, 2005, after he allegedly drove from Tyler to Kansas City following an Internet solicitation to meet a mother and two underage daughters for sex.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Spurlock** contacted an undercover agent posing as the mother of two daughters (ages 10 and 13) through Internet instant messaging on Jan. 20, 2005. **Spurlock** made arrangements to engage in sex with the mother and daughters, the affidavit says, and on Feb. 5, 2005, drove to Kansas City to meet them at a motel.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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